

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are presently active; Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 19, and 20 have been amended by way of the present amendment.

In the Office Action dated October 20, 2004, the title of the specification was objected to for not being descriptive. Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10, 12-15, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanimizu (U.S. Pat. No. 5,331,146) in view of Landa (U.S. Pat. No. 4,473,865). Claims 2 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanimizu (U.S. Pat. No. 5,331,146) in view of Landa (U.S. Pat. No. 4,473,865). Claims 7, 8, 16, and 17 were objected to for being dependent from a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Firstly, regarding the objection to the title, the title has been amended in the response filed January 21, 2005 to be consistent with that suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the title has been overcome.

Secondly, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of Examiner Negron to provide by facsimile on February 8, 2005 proposed changes to Claim 1 and to discuss with Applicants' representative changes to the claims and drawings.

Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of the present case, the present amendment amends independent Claims 1 and 10 to clarify the claims substantially as suggested by the examiner. Further, the dependent claims have been amended to have language regarding the first and second illuminating portions that is consistent with the independent claims. Moreover, attached herewith is a Letter Submitting Replacement Drawing Sheets providing replacement drawing sheets for Figures 1-5 that show a light blocking member blocking a part of the

reflected light, as defined in the independent claims.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1 and 10 and the claims dependent therefrom patentably define over Tanimizu and Landa.

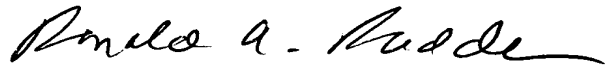
Lastly, this response is a Supplemental Response in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(a)(2)(B) permitting entry of amendments adopting the examiner's suggestions.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the response be entered.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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